THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) As the exact chemical composition of various detergent powders is a trade secret, it is, therefore, not known whether the content of Alkyl Benzene Sulfonate in the detergent powders is according to or below the permissible limit.

Gastro-enteritis and Cholera Deaths in Assam

4289. DR. JAYANTA RONGPI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who died in Assam due to gastro-enteritis and cholera during the last two years and in the current year; and

(b) whether the Union Government propose to extend Central Health Scheme in Assam to counter such epidemics particularly in the Hill districts of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per reports submitted by Assam, number of cases and deaths due to acute diarrhoeal diseases (including gastroenteritis and Cholera) during the years 1989 and 1990 are as follows:

Year	*Gastro-enteritis*		*Cholera*	
	Cases	*Deaths*	*Cases*	*Deaths*
1989	723889	238	Nil	Nil
1990	959992	465	794	31

Data for the year 1991 are not available.

(b) The Govt. of India has a National Diarrhoeal Diseases Control Programme which is in operation throughout the country including Assam. This programme includes activities like surveillance and monitoring of diarrhoeal diseases, promotion of oral rehydration therapy and health education activities among others. All these components of the programme are delivered through the infrastructure of the health care delivery system of the State.

Besides, in cases of outbreaks or epidemics of diarrhoeal diseases, the Union Government provides technical assistance for prevention and control through NICD or ICMR.

Autonomous Colleges State-wise

4290. DR. K. S. SOUNDARAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Autonomous Colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the reason for difference in number of Autonomous Colleges in different States;

(c) the amount given by way of grant to different Autonomous Colleges; and

(d) the reasons for difference in amount of grants to such colleges?